

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster having a molecular weight of 3000 to 5000 daltons, as determined by gel filtration chromatography.

11. (Previously Presented) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster, wherein the oyster extract is obtained by a process comprising the steps of extracting raw oysters with hot water to obtain an oyster residue, adjusting the pH of the oyster residue to 2 to 4 and neutralizing the pH-adjusted oyster residue to obtain a precipitate.

12. (Previously Presented) An oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14%, manganese in an amount of 0.05-0.2% and magnesium in an amount of 1-2%, said % being based on dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster.

13. (Previously Presented) An oyster extract comprising a first oyster extract containing zinc in an amount of 6-14% by dry weight, the zinc being combined with peptides of the oyster, and a second oyster extract obtained by hot water extraction.